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LOK SABHA

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TIGER CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sanctioned Rs. 4 crore for Tiger conservation alongwith setting up of Tiger Protection Forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which the amount will be spent; and

(d) the extent to which the Tiger Reserves have been able to provide protection to the Big cat and prevent them from falling prey to the poachers?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Additional funding support to the tune of Rs. 409.90 lakhs has been provided to 17 Tiger Reserves for deployment of Tiger Protection Force under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Project Tiger" during current financial year.

(c) & (d) The Tiger Protection Force is being created for strengthening of field protection. The said Force would comprise of ex-army personnel and local people. The professional expertise of ex-army personnel, and knowledge of the tract available with the local people would complement the efforts of the field staff to strengthen protection. The recent All India tiger estimation figures relating four States indicate that the status of tiger in tiger reserves does not show a significant change.